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## Turnpike Authority to host information session on proposed improvements to Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension

**WOODBIDGE, Nov. 9, 2011** – The New Jersey Turnpike Authority will hold a Public Information Center at the Liberty Science Center on Nov. 17, 2011, to describe plans to replace the bridge deck and make other improvements on a 2.2-mile section of the westbound Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension of the New Jersey Turnpike.

The Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension, one of three main arteries between New Jersey and New York City, is 55 years old and in need of repairs and reconstruction to preserve it for future generations. This project involves replacing the bridge deck and barrier on the westbound side, rehabilitating the pavement near the Interchange 14C toll plaza and making lighting and drainage improvements. The work is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2012 and continue for about three years.

The Turnpike Authority will attempt to minimize impacts on residents and commuters by using accelerated bridge construction techniques and by incorporating the results of a noise study and traffic analysis into the project design. The current two lanes of westbound traffic will be maintained during the initial stages of construction, but during the final stage the section closest to the Holland Tunnel will be reduced to one lane of traffic for more than a year.

The Public Information Center will provide an opportunity for the Turnpike Authority to present plans for the project and for residents and commuters to ask questions and provide feedback.

The session will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Display boards with information about the project will be set up in the room, and representatives from the Authority will be available to answer questions. A brief presentation will be made at 4 p.m. and repeated at 6 p.m.

Additional information about the project is available on the Turnpike Authority's Web site at [www.state.nj.us/turnpike/our-projects.html](http://www.state.nj.us/turnpike/our-projects.html). Those who are unable to attend the Public Information Center are invited to email questions or comments about the project to [TurnpikeReconstruction@gpinet.com](mailto:TurnpikeReconstruction@gpinet.com).